Arkansas Rice & Grain Stocks Report

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This report contains the results from the **2008 March Agricultural, Rice Stocks**, and **Grain Stocks Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and in more detailed U.S. statistics at http://www.nass.usda.gov/. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Arkansas March 1 Rough Rice Stocks Down Slightly from Last Year

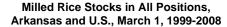
Arkansas rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2008, totaled 56.1 million hundredweight (cwt), down slightly from March 1, 2007. Stocks held on farms totaled 13.8 million cwt, down 14 percent, and off-farm stocks totaled 42.3 million cwt, up 5 percent from last year. Milled rice stocks in all positions, at 1.9 million cwt, were up 48 percent from a year ago.

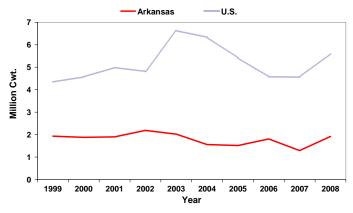
Rice Stocks by Position, Selected States and U.S., March 1, 2007-2008

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Class & State	On Farms		Off Farms ¹		Tota	sitions	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	% Change
Rough Rice		from '07					
Arkansas	16,000	13,800	40,256	42,317	56,256	56,117	- <0.5
California	1,515	1,785	22,614	25,738	24,129	27,523	+ 14
Louisiana	3,800	2,350	4,924	4,820	8,724	7,170	- 18
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	(<i>D</i>)	(D)	4,817	3,787	- 21
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,545	4,591	+ 1
Texas	1,300	888	4,389	4,046	5,689	4,934	- 13
United States	28,015	22,923	76,145	81,199	104,160	104,122	- <0.5
Milled Rice							
Arkansas	-	-	1,291	1,916	1,291	1,916	+ 48
California	-	-	1,671	2,012	1,671	2,012	+ 20
Louisiana	-	-	696	(D)	696	(D)	
Mississippi	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Missouri	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Texas	-	-	644	(D)	644	(D)	
United States	-	-	4,560	5,604	4,560	5,604	+ 23

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

Arkansas Rough Rice Stocks by Position, 2004-2008 Off-Farm On-Farm 90 80 70 60 MIllion Cw1 50 40 30 20 10 Aug 1 Dec 1 Aug 1 Mar 1 Aug 1 Aug 1 Mar 1 Dec 1 Dec 1 Mar 1 Dec 1 June 1 Dec 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008





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March 1 Grain and Soybean Stocks

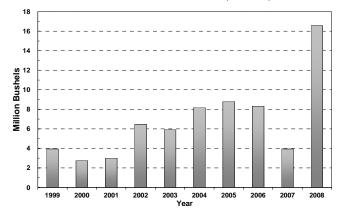
Arkansas corn stocks at commercial grain storage facilities on March 1, 2008, totaled 16.6 million bushels, up 320 percent from March 1, 2007. This is the largest amount of corn in off-farm storage on March 1 since records began in 1950. **Soybeans** at off-farm storage facilities totaled 23.1 million bushels, down 26 percent bushels from a year earlier.

Grain and Soybean Stocks by Position, Arkansas and U.S., March 1, 2007-2008

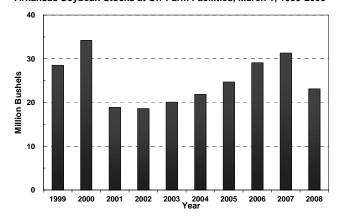
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	On Farms		Off Farms ¹		Total Stocks in All Positions				
Crop	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	% Change		
	1,000 Bushels								
Arkansas									
Corn	(D)	(D)	3,947	16,559	(D)	(D)	(D)		
Oats			(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)		
Sorghum	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)		
Soybeans	(D)	(D)	31,341	23,119	(D)	(<i>D</i>)	(D)		
Wheat, All	50	30	4,070	(D)	4,120	(<i>D</i>)	(D)		
United States		·							
Corn	3,330,000	3,780,000	2,738,250	3,078,895	6,068,250	6,858,895	+ 13		
Oats	33,900	31,000	37,158	48,038	71,058	79,038	+ 11		
Sorghum	17,100	26,100	125,122	159,471	142,222	185,571	+ 30		
Soybeans	910,000	593,000	876,887	835,102	1,786,887	1,428,102	- 20		
Wheat, All	192,450	91,990	664,278	617,650	856,728	709,640	- 17		

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Arkansas Corn Stocks at Off-Farm Facilities, March 1, 1999-2008



Arkansas Soybean Stocks at Off-Farm Facilities, March 1, 1999-2008



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